

RESOLUTION NO. 84-034

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, on March 21, 1942, passed Public Law 77-503 which enforced military orders and imposed penalties of imprisonment and/or fine for violations of the restrictions and military orders promulgated from Executive Order 9066, signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS, the landmark cases of Korematsu, Yasui and Hirabayashi were prosecuted in the federal courts under the aegis of Public Law 77-503 and established the legality of the World War II mass exclusion and internment as legal precedent by the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, government records clearly demonstrate that both Executive Order 9066 and Public Law 77-503 were intended to be enacted against only those persons of Japanese ancestry, both American citizens and permanent residents, residing the West Coast; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, following 2½ years of study, concluded that the exclusion and detention of Americans of Japanese ancestry was not a matter of military necessity, but was caused by racism, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi, pay special recognition to March 21, 1942 as a reminder of Public Law 77-503 and its denial of justice to American citizens, and of our need to be constantly vigilant to insure the constitutional rights of all American citizens at all times.

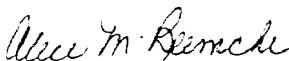
Dated: March 21, 1984

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 84-034 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held March 21, 1984 by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members - Reid, Pinkerton, Snider, Murphy, and Olson (Mayor)

Noes: Council Members - None

Absent: Council Members - None


Alice M. Reimche
City Clerk